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Charge Reds Inflame Public for U-2 Trial

The United States charged today that Russia is making "hypothetical efforts" to "inflame public opinion in advance" of the Aug. 17 trial in Moscow of U. S. spy plane pilot Francis G. Powers.

At the same time, the State Department disclosed that Russia has formally selected appeals that American lawyers be permitted to assist in Mr. Powers' defense. Mr. Powers was captured May 1 when his U-2 reconnaissance plane was brought down 1,500 miles inside Russia.

The department released an Aug. 4 Soviet note in which the Russians said a member of the Moscow City lawyers' collegium—"Attorney Grinly"—had been assigned to defend Mr. Powers and already has had "several meetings" with the imprisoned airmen.

The State Department said stories in the Soviet newspaper Trud that American exchange student Edwin Morrell, 31, was expelled from Moscow University in June for spying was only one incident in a concerted campaign to create a hypothetical atmosphere for the Powers trial.

The State Department said Mr. Morrell was asked to leave because of failure to carry on his studies satisfactorily. It said no charges of espionage activities were made until the Trud article printed yesterday.